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BITTER STRUGGLE ON CAMBRAI FRONT IN SECTOR OF CROISELI

40 DIVISIONS OF HUNS THROWN INTO STRUGGLE

Assault on British Positions in Cambrai Sector Continued, With Fiercest Attack in Hargicourt Region—Concentration of Artillery Exceeds Any Since World War Began.

British Headquarters in France, | began. March 22 .- (2 p.m.) - (By the Associated Press.)-The Germans today continued their assault against the positions in the Cambrai sector, notably in the region of Croiselles and front. No such concentration of ar-

struggle was waged today. The en emy had 1,000 guns in one small sec tor-one for every twelve yards. vere fighting was proceeding this morning in St. Ledger, southwest of Croiselles. The hardest fighting yesterday in the northern battle was be Hargicourt. At least forty divisions tween the canal Du Nord and Crolbeen identified on the battle selles. Doignies was retaken yester day evening in a brilliant counter at tack. A bright sun at midday today rendered observation possible. tack.

late last night, the war office reports

The statement follows:

The British are holding the enemy.

"The fighting continued until a late

hour last night on the whole front be-

tween the river Oise and the river

Sensee. Our troops continue to hold

the enemy in their buttle positions.

heavy losses suffered by the enenty.

KAISER GOES TO FRONT.

Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

The Bulgarian troops which have

still to be expected."

reports.

MASSED HUN INFANTRY TARGET ALLIED RIFLES

NINETEEN DIVISIONS EMPLOYED BY ENEMY

London, March 22.-Nineteen enemy divisions were identified in yesterday's fighting, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports. He says:

"The whole thing is too big to be able to even sketch or visualize easily. Thus far the enemy has paid a colossal price for such small gains as represent the fruits of his mighty effort."

During the last twenty-four hours the cannonading on the western front has been dis-tinctly heard in Holland, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam reports.

Army Headquarters France, March 22.-Vigorous counter attacks late yesterday restored some and Gen. Von Ludendorff have gone of the positions which the British had to the western front to witness the stream of selling orders, but there was to arrest him. He lived about an hour. abandoned temporarily.

One of the most brilliant British counter attacks occurred at Doignies. Bulgarian and Austrian troops are now on the western front, the dispatch The British advanced with infantry and tanks at 7 p.m., and after fierce fighting drove out the enemy.

First Line Captured?

Berlin, March 22 .- (British admiralty, per Wireless Press.)-The British cannon in great amount have been first line has been captured by German troops attacking from the southeast of Arras as far as La Fere, the war office announces.

Heavy artillery fighting continues in Belgium and French Flanders. Reconnoitering detachments are said to have penetrated the opposing lines at many points. Ostend was bombarded from

Statement Follows The statement read:

From southeast of Arras as far as La Fere we attacked the British-positions. After powerful fire by our artillery and mine throwers our infantry stormed in broad sectors and everywhere captured the enemy first line. Between La Fere and Soissons, on

both sides of Rheims and in the Cham-pagne the firing duel increased in intensity, Storming detachments brought in prisoners in many sectors, 'Ostend has been bombarded from

"In Belgium and French Flanders the heavy artillery duel continued. Reconnoitering detachments penetrated many occasions into the enemy

Our artillery continued the destruction of enemy infantry positions and batteries before Verdun. On the Lorraine front also the artillery activity increased on many occasions, "From the other theaters of war there is nothing new to report."

London, March 22.—The great battle tillery has been badly hammered by the on the western front continued until British guns,

On the southern battle field a bitter

two Spanish vessels, the steamer Ar-pillao and the ship Begona, by German submarines was reported today in official dispatches from Barcelona. The Begona was attacked while on its way to Piracus. The Arpillao was sunk off the Canary islands.

SEIZURE OF SHIPS CAUSES **OUTBURST OF ANGER**

Feelings of Dutch, to All Appearances, Are Badly Hurt. Comment on Wilson's Preclamation.

"During the enemy's attacks yester-Amsterdam, March 22.- The text of day his massed infantry offered re-President Wilson's proclamatica re-garding Dutch shipping reached Hol-land after the Thursday evening newsmarkable targets to our rifles, machine guns and artillery, of which full adpapers had gone to press. Meanwhile a somewhat bluntly-worded dispatch vantage was taken by our troops. All the reports testify to the exceedingly from Washington speaking of seizure of the ships after the war trade board had been informed Holland had "No serious attack has yet developed rejected the American ultimatum this morning, but heavy fighting is caused an outburst of puzzled anger from virtually the whole Dutch press. It is argued that there hab seen no rejection by Holland of an ultimatum and that previously nothing has been heard of an ultimaum. The feelings London, March 22.- Emperor Willof the Dutch to all appearances are iam, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg badly hurt.

German attack, says an Exchange no panic. TRANSFER TANK SHIPS Action Caused Decision to Pool Fuel Oil.

arrived on the western front will be used as the strategic reserve, the dis-Washington, March 22.-Transfer of patch says. The number of Austrians tank steamers from coastwise to other on this front is not large, but Austrian routes has been chiefly responsible for the decision of the fuel administra concentrated there. The Austrian war tion to order the pooling of all fuel minister, Gen. Von Steiner, who is now oil east of the Rocky mountains, it was learned today. Difficulties of Berlin, is said to have promised Field Marshal Von Hindenburg that distribution have arisen which threat the Austrian's would take over the en an artificial shortage of oil in the work of guarding the eastern front east, although the available supply when the offensive in the west began. Enemy "Failed Badly." ample for essential needs. Approxi-mately 60 per cent. of the coastwise British Army Headquarters In tankers have been taken off to carry oil to the navy and to the allies France, March 22,-(By the Associated Greater economy in the use of tank Press.)-The fighting is still contincars is being sought to offset the loss uing, but the first stage of the of- and free time for unloading oil in the east has been cut from forty-eight to fensive has passed. The enemy has

twenty-four hours. failed badly in the execution of his Suggestions for a nipe line from Beaumont, Tex., to Savannah, Ga., as program, as is attested by captured documents showing what he planned means of quick transportation of fuel oil to the Atlantic seaboard have to do in the early hours of his offensive. been abandoned because steamers can be built more quickly and more cheap-The exact British line cannot be made public at present. The only realy. The cost of the pipe line would have been about \$29,000,000. son is that it might furnish the enemy

Last night was fairly quiet along the NOTES DELAYED front. This morning the Germans were bombing in the region of Croiselles. American Word on Dutch Ship-There were indications that they in tended to continue their attacks today ping Not Received.

> The Hague, Thursday, March 21 -It is officially announced here that the Dutch minister at London has forwarded the British note regarding Dutch shipping to the foreign office here, but the American note has not been received from the Dutch minister in Washington.

TO INVESTIGATE BUTTER.

EGGS AND POULTRY MARKET General Counsel Heney, of Trade Com mission, Expects to Open Inquiry.

Kansas City, March 22 .- Francis J Heney, general counsel for the trade commission, conducting an Investigation of the packing industry of southwest here, announced today that he expects to open a general investigation of the butter, eggs, poultry and canned goods market in New York

AUSTRIAN COMPULSORY LABOR BILL PRESENTED

Amsterdam, March 22.—The government's bill relative to general compulsory labor has been introduced in the lower house of the Austrian parliament, says a Vienna dispatch to the Cologne

ALABAMA MAN DIES IN KANSAS CITY Kansas City, March 22.- Samuel N

Lee, widely known as a railroad con-tractor, died here last night. Mr Lee was born in Hirmingham, Ala, He was 65 years old.

News dispatch from Amsterdam.

OF BERLIN PAPER DIES London, March 22.-The death of Maj. Moraht, long military correspon-dent of Berlin, is reported in a Central GERMANS ESTABLISH RAILWAY CONNECTIONS

Through Communications Between Newly-Occupied Districts in Russia and Berlin Now Complete-Towns Flooded With German-Made Goods.

Moscow, Tuesday, March 19 .- (By the Associated Press.)-The Germans have already established through railway connections between the districts they have occupied and Berlin and are flooding the occupied towns with German goods, especially clothing and

LIMIT FLOUR PURCHASES.

Nashville, March 22.-Here-after, according to rule announced by the food admini-tration today, all town cus-tomers will be limited to twen-ty-four pounds of flour at one purchase, and country custom-ers will be limited to fortynine pounds of flour at one purchase. No sales should be made where customers have any flour on hand. In no event should more than thir-ty-day supply be sold to any customer. The hirty-day sup-ply is calculated on the basis of a strict observance of all of the wheat conservation regulations of the food adminis-

FARMER MURDERS HIS STEPDAUGHTER

Fires at Two Other People and Then Commits Suicide by Cutting His Throat.

Nashville, March 22.-An Ashland City, Tepn., special says that Tom Hamilton, 35, a farmer, killed his 11-year-old step-daughter, Idola Dun-naway, in the Ninth district of Cheat-ham county, and after shooting at A. P. Dozier and Miss Mat Dozier, with whom the child was staylog out his whom the child was staying, cut his throat when Sheriff M. H. Knight came The child's mother died in October and until a few weeks ago she lived with a warrant, charging him with numer ous outrages on her. After a stay in jail he made bond, returned to his home, and the tragedies followed. His preliminary trial was set for today,

LENROOT STILL LEADS Loyalist Candidate Appears Winner G. O. P. Nomination.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 22.—No additional returns had been received this morning to disturb the lead of 2,500 votes for Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot over James Thompson. LaFollette candidate for the republican nomination for United States

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Cotton at Montgomery Exceeds Civil War Price.

Montgomety, Ala., March 22-All coords since Civil war times were broken here today when 35 cents per pound was paid for a round lot of 700 bales of cotton. The amount involved was about \$200,000. A local warehouse firm were the sellers.

BATTLE FRONT MAY EXTEND FAR AS YPRES

Paris, March 22.-Lieut.-Col. Rousset, military critic of La Liberte, says the attack of the Germans yesterday indicates that they have taken the decision for a general offensive. He predicts persistent pressure for some time, perhaps with an extension of the battle front as far as Ypres.

SENATOR NEW ASKS REASON FOR CASUALTY LIST PLAN

Washington, March 22 -A reso lution introduced by Senator New, of Indiana, asking the was department to advise the senate as to its reasons for not making public the addresses of American soldiers killed and wounded abroad, was adopted today by the senate.

ARREST ELDERLY WOMAN; DISTRIBUTED MYSTERY BOOK

Monroe, La., March 22 .- Mrs. Sarah here today charged with having distributed copies of "The Finished Mys-tery," circulation of schieb has been forbidden under the espionage act.

Thunder, Says Billy 'Possum



rare as a day in March to put in your backbone a little starch, and make you perk and throw off

Oh, what is

day, fair and slightly warmer,

FIGHTING MORE ACTIVE IN ITALY

Home, March 22.-Fighting is becoming more active along the whole front, the war office announces.

The Italians drove back patrols at several points on the front, and ejected an Austrian detachment which had forced its way into an advanced post in the Frenzela valley sector. Along the Piave the artillery fighting became more intense.

SEEK CONSERVTION OF NEWS PRINT PAPER

Commercial Economy Board of National Defense Council Institutes Program.

Washington, March 22.-Institution of a program for the conservation of news print paper was announced today by the commercial economy board of the council of national defense. A study of the situation was decided on as necessary at a confer-ence between members of the board and representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, called to consider the depletion of pa-

The future supplies of paper will be estimated and through conferences tion and advice, it was said, will be from all interests concerned his and if the facts are found to justify board, they will be made. It is pointed out that it will not be necessary to order drastic curtailment of the use of paper, but that the object simply is to patrol also obtained additional inforadjust the consumption of paper in mation and returned without casual. "The right of the German attack proportion to the estimated forthcom- ties, the Germans apparently having ing supplies, to prevent or at least mitigate any possible future shortage. Representatives of the publishers at he conference included Frank P. Glass, of the Birmingham News

Reichstag Approves Treaty With Russia

Amsterdam, March 22.-After a long discussion yesterday the reichstag main committee, a Berlin dispatch reports, approved the peace and com-mercial treaties with Russia. A resolution was adopted calling upon the government to obtain a guarantee for German financial claims, in return for reciprocal action on the part of Ger-

HELD UP BY U-BOAT

Spanish Ship Bound for New York Forced to Return Home.

Cadiz, Spain, March 21.-The Spanish trans-Atlantic liner Montevideo, which sailed for New York Monday was held up by a German submarine Tuesday and forced to return here. After firing a warning shot the sub-marine came alongside and made the captain promise not to use the wireless The captain was then taken aboard the submarine where he was detained while German sailors scarched the

AMBULANCES WAITING At Charing Cross to Receive

Wounded From Battlefield.

London, March 22.-Long times of ambulances began forming at the Char-ing Cross railway station early this morning to receive wounded men from

channel ports. Scenes not unlike those during the battle of the Somme were enacted, the line of ambulances stretching away from the station for four city blocks. Only small groups of night workers and railroad employes greeted the first arrivals from the front.

CABINET FOR SPAIN

Former Premier Maura Succeeds in Formation

shell and crust of Madrid, March 27 -- Antonio Maura, winter's lethargic the former premier, has succeeded in speil? If I could forming a cabinet to succeed that of just live without the Marquis de Alhucemas, Senor starving to death, Maura will be premier, former Prestarving to death.
I'd hie to the hills without wasting affair; Count Romanones, minister of justice, and Gen. Marina, minister of justice, and Gen. Marina, minister of lie to send to his office information remainderate temperature fought. Saturmanones also is a former premier,

Pleads for Peace

Pope Benedict Issues Easter Message to United States. Rome, Thursday, March 21 .- A

plea for lasting peace is made by Pope Benedict in his Easter mes-

sage to the United States, which he sends through he Associated Press. The message says: "The first message of the Risen Savior to His disciples, after suf-fering the torture of Passion week, was 'Peace be unto you.' Never has the world, for which He sacrificed Himself, needed so poignantly that message of peace

as today. "When, on this solemn occasion no better wish can be made to the country so dear to our hearts than that the Divine Redeemer may grant a realization of the desire of all, that is a healing of the existing hatred and the concluding of a lasting peace, based on the foun-dations of justice, fear of God and love of humanity, giving to the world a new organization of peo-ples and nations united under the aegis of true reliefor in aspiring to a nobler, purer and kinder civil-

"It is thus we cosire to fulfill our Master's last injunction to his apostles: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every

AMERICAN GUNS DESTROY POSTS

Trenches in Luneville Sector Entirely Wiped Out.

ARTILLERY FIRE CEASELESS

German Deserters at Toul Declare They Are "Fed Up" With War.

V. ith the American Army in France. Thursday, March 21.—(By the Associ- Tost exactly four months ago." ated Press.)-Enemy first and second line positions on a part of the sector east of Luneville have been destroyed farm bouses continued throughout completely by American artillery fire. Thursday, according to the correand correspondence with publishers a After the raid into the German posi- spondent of the Dally Mail. "The encampaign of conservation without tions last night the American gun- emy bombardment," he says, "began the stepfather. Last week she obtained hardship will be instituted. Informa- ners shelled the positions heavily all at 5 o'clock in the morning and at 7 night and this morning.

the consumption of paper in mation and returned without casualdecided not to molest them.

Shouting "Don't Shoot!"

Artitlery firing by both sides on this sector continued all day. On the sector northwest of Toul a number of Germans deserted last night and surrendered to an American patrol in a certain wood. The Germans ap-The Germans apcertain wood, proached the Americans, shouting: "Don't shoot!" The prisoners were urned over to the French. Much information of value was ob-

tained from the describers, who said they "fed up" with the war and de-cided they would rather be prisoners. Included in the information obtained from the men was the statement that gas projector attack during against the American lines on Feb 27, 900 projectors were employed. One-half the projectiles fired fell within the German lines and the gas overcame many of the Germans. The next day, according to the deserters eleven Germans were killed and thirty ounded while taking out the dead American intelligence officers are inlined to doubt the story regarding 900 projectors. American informa-tion is that only seventy five were used. An American patrol last night the enemy first line and mained there six hours, but did not any of the enemy. that the Germans recently had constructed trenches that are concrete half way up on the side

Construct Pill Boxes.

Great activity continues behind the enemy lines. Within the last four days a number of rock croshers and and there are signs that the Germans intend to construct a number of new pill boxes opposite the American front. Several trains of material have ar-rived at towns in the German lines furing the last twenty-four hours Today's reports say that three Ger can airplanes flow over various parts

ROUND-UP ENEMY FUNDS Alien Property Custodian to Start Inquiry.

of the American front line at day-break and fired their machine guns on our position. Their efforts, however,

were without result

Washington, March 22.—A country-wide inquiry to ferret out information pregarding enemy holdings will be started by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien bour made the closing speech property custodian. Special inspectors will be sent out to investigate every case in which there is indication that

Violations of the law, it is declared, not be reached until Saturday, will be dealt with severely. The pen-alty for failure to report to a time of INCOME ON BETHLEHEM \$10,000 or ten years' imprisonment, or

AIM AT RETAKING ALL HINDENBURG LINE TRENCHES

German Attack on British West and Southwest of Cambrai Has Double Purpose.

WOULD CUT OFF SALIENT

At Same Time Capturing Number of Troops.

Straightening of Front Would Enable Huns to Hold It With Fewer Men.

London, March 22 .- It is not yet possible to give more than a very general and vague idea of the fighting Thursday on the front between the Oise and the Sensee which continued with swaying fortunes, according to the accounts of correspondents at the British front in the morning newspa-

The German attack made on the British front, west and southwest of Cambrai, evidently aims at recapturing all the Hindenburg line, says a dispatch to the Morning Post from Enemy First and Second Line British headquarters in France, which

"The German army attacking south of the Scarpe seems to have delivered its first blow principally in the triangle of the Arras-Cambrai and Bapaume-Cambral roads, while the German army, south of Cambrai, is striking against our trench systems in the region west of the Scheldt canal, No doubt the enemy hopes that the aitacking forces of these two armies may succeed in forming a junction and thus cutting off a considerable stice of the British front and taking back all the Hindenburg trenches,

Direct Blows at Salient. Struggles for villages and rule o'clock some of the German units left Today a patrol, without assistance their trenches and attacked the Britrecommendations by the from the artillery, crossed No Man's ish with heavy and light machine

> was aimed at Croisilles, Bullecourt and Logincourt and there was hard fighting in a brick field near the first of these villages. Along the Bupaume-Cambral road the enemy also attacked, and towards Coureaucourt. while his left wing was pushed in in the direction of Ronsnoy and Hargi-

"The British front in the area of attack forms a rather sharp sallent.
"If the enemy could pinch off this sallent and run his line straight in a northwesterly slant instead of having it run at an angle first north and then west, he would be able to hold it with fewer troops. Also in pinching it off he would hope to surround and capture a good number of British troops. These, it seems plain, are his aims in the first stage of the offensive.

To Repeat Operation.

"The enemy is trying to repeat on larger scale the operation by which he won back some of the ground we gained in the battle of Cambrai, Then he pushed in on an angle of our front both from the north and the east. His two bodies of troops did their best to though they had at first considerable success. Much the same design is being followed now. We have good reamated as was the previous one,

DIFFICULTY OVER LINE OF MARCH FOR CELEBRATION Gov. Davis' Place in Richmond "Thrift" Parade Subject of Discussion.

Richmond, March 22 - Lieut Col. J. Lane Stern, acting adjutant-general by appointment of Gov. Westmoreland Davis, wrote today to Col. Wm. M. Myers, chairman of the parade mittee for Richmond's thrift day celebration, to be held tomorrow, calling Col. Myers' attention to Col. Stern's anderstanding that the governor of Virginia is expected to follow in the parade military officers and their aides and intimating that this is not the proper place to accord Gov. Davis. The officers are Gen. Adelbert. Cronkhite, commander of Camp Lee, and his staff. Col. Stern calls upon Col. Myers for an

PITTS BROTHERS' CASE MAY END SATURDAY

Morganton, N. C. March 22,-The Pitts case, in which Garfield and Aaron Pitts are charged with the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, at Glen Alpine, 19 hour made the closing speech for the defense this morning followed licitor for the state. Judge Cline will charge the jury this afternoon. existence of enemy funds has not been not believed the jury will get the case before late in the day. A verdict may

STEEL SHOWS DECREASE

New York, March 22.-The Income paration and its subsidiaries for 1917 \$52,979,500, a decrease of \$1,727,949,

all-day meeting today with governors of federal reserve banks and a few liberty loan campaign committee chairs REBEL LEADERS IN

San Juan, Del Sur, Nicaragua, March

Finish Arrangements for Lib. Fails to Agree in Case of Boy's erty Loan Campaign.

DECIDE ON TERMS

Washington, March 22.-Final deciloan probably will be reached tomorrow at a conference between Secre-tary McAdoo and members of the house ways and means committee. size, interest rate, maturity, sinking fund arrangements and other strictly financial phases of the loan were discussed by the secretary at an

NICARAGUA KILLED

JURY DISCHARGED

The heavily massed German at

Weather Cold and Bleak.

British, as the enemy is deprived of greatly needed aerial observation.

The Germans in many sections yes-terday attacked in three waves of in-

fantry followed by shock troops. As a result they suffered very heavy casual-

The weather is cold and bleak. A heavy mist makes air reconnaissances impossible. This is of advantage to the

Murder.

with valuable information.

East Radford, Va., March 22.—The jury in the case of Earl Hartsock, 17, charged with the murder of Bruce Turpin, about 19, failed to agree on a verdict today and was discharged, next week Hartsock was calling on a young woman near Rupe's church and a number of boys had warned him to keep claims that be armed himself for selfdefense and did not use the weapon until attacked by the boys.

ILLINOIS COAL PRICES ENTIRELY RECLASSIFIED Fuel Administration Readjusts Terms For Ohio, Pennsylvania and

Virginias.

22.—Further fighting in which the Washington, March 22.—Cost prices rebel I ader was killed, has occurred for the entire state of illinois and for Washington, March 22 -- Cost prices in Costs Rica between government some of the largest fields in Ohio, forces and the revolutionists, who Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virmade an unsuccessful attempt last ginls, were reclassified today by the month at an uprising. In a skirmish fuel administration. The Illinois prices MILITARY CORRESPONDENT near the Panaman frontier Rogelin were entirely readjusted, but the max-Fernandez Guell and four userstants imum prices in the other states were were killed. Guell who was editor of not changed from those already in a pro-German newspaper which the effect and merely were confirmatory ta Rican government suppressed of the fine prices in effect last

ple, through your paper, to come and make out their returns to avoid the rush." Three experts on income tax re-turns have been appointed to help advise the people. They urge that to avoid the rush in the last days.

and to avoid paying a penalty to

make out returns at once.

SPANISH SHIPS

Seven Days More

Income Tax Returns Must

Be Made Before April 1

or Pay Penalty.

Seven more days remain to make

out income returns. The deputies, when interviewed this morning,

said: "You see we have nothing to do. The people have only seven more days, and they will come in a

rush next week and we will be

overworked. Please urge the peo-

SUNK BY U-BOATS Washington, March 22.-Sinking of